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COMMITTEE MEETING

1. PREP COM ADOPTED FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR

EIGHTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING:

- 1. OPENING OF MEETING
- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 3. OPENING STATEMENTS
- 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 5. EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION
- 6. MAN'S IMPACT ON THE ANTARCTIC ENVIRONMENT

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7. REVIEW OF SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS

- 8. SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS
- 9. ACCEPTED PRACTICES AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS FOR VISITORS TO THE TREATY AREA
- 10. AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO TOURISTS
- 11. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
- 12. COOPERATION IN TRANSPORT
- 13. ACTIVITIES OF COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO THE TREATY
- 14. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE IX
- (4) OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY
- 15. ANTARCTIC RESOURCES EFFECTS OF MINERAL EXPLORATION
- 16. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONSULTATIVE MEETING
- 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 18. ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT
- 19. CLOSING OF MEETING

ANTICIPATED CHILEAN OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF MINERAL RESOURCES ITEM DID NOT DEVELOP. ALL US PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO AGENDA WERE ACCEPTED AS ITEMS 11-14.

- 2. REPRESENTATIVES AGREED HOLD SECOND PREP COM IN OSLO FOR THREE DAYS DURING LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1975, EXACT DATES TO BE SET BY NORWAY, FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING COMMON POSITION REGARDING ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES AS QUESTION RELATES TO LOS GENEVA CONFERENCE. SECOND PREP COM ALSO WILL BE IN ENGLISH WITHOUT INTERPRETATION.
- 3. NORWAY SOLVED PROBLEM RE AVAILABILITY OF INTER-PRETERS, AND EIGHTS CONSULTATIVE MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9-20, 1975 IN OSLO.
- 4. UK PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE MEETING, IN DISCUSSING ITEM 5 -- EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION --, CONSIDER ELIMINATING INFORMATION NOW REQUIRED TO BE EXCHANGED BUT WHICH MAY BE OF LITTLE OR NO REAL USE. SUGGESTED ALSO THAT DEADLINE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS OF NATIONAL EXPEDITIONS BE CHANGED FROM END OF CONFIDENTIAL

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NOVEMBER TO END OF AUGUST, SINCE REPORTS NOW ARRIVE TOO LATE TO BE MUCH USE DURING OPERATING SEASON WHICH THEY COVER.

5. NEW ZEALAND PROPOSED TAKING UP UNDER ITEM 6 -MAN'S IMPACT ON ANTARCTIC ENVIRONMENT -- QUESTION OF
DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES, WHICH, ALTHOUGH
EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY ANTARCTIC TREATY, HAS BEEN

WIDELY DISCUSSED IN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES, INCLUDING SCAR AND IAEA.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM 14, US DISTRIBUTED CHART DATED OCTOBER 3, 1974, SHOWING STATUS OF ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY GOVERNMENTS. ARGENTINA ASKED THAT CHART BE AMENDED TO SHOW ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SEVENTH CONSULTATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND UK STATED IT HAS ACCEPTED ALL WELLINGTON RECOMMENDATIONS EXCEPT NUMBER 5, WHICH ACCEPTED AS GUIDELINES.

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